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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001], on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to an improved system for tenderization of meat using a shock wave, and is a variation of the system of U.S. Application No. 10/005,763, corresponding to U.S. application publication US 2002-0072318-A1, now USP 6,669,546, the subject matter of which is hereby incorporated by reference. The benefit of U.S. provisional applications 60/426,825, filed November 18, 2002, and 60/473,921, filed May 29, 2003, is claimed.